

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

### **Listing of Claims**

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (currently amended) A distributed object controlling method for a first computer for executing an object and having first and second reference-information storage areas, comprising the steps of:

sendingstoring, when executing an object in a said first computer, object reference-information for said object in said second reference-information storage area, and judging, when executing a retrieval request of another object, whether or not object reference information on said another object has been stored in said second reference-information storage area,

executing, when said object reference information on said another object has been stored in said second reference-information storage area, communication with said another object based on said object reference information of said another object;

judging, when said object reference information on said another object has not been stored in said second reference-information storage area, whether or not object reference information on said another object has been stored in said first reference-information storage area;

executing, when said object reference information on said another object has been stored in said first reference-information storage area, communication with said another object based on said object reference information on said another object stored in said first reference-information

~~storage area; a retrieval request to a second computer for providing a naming service, said retrieval request including the object name of said object, and~~  
~~executing said object on the basis of object reference information~~  
~~acquired as the response to said retrieval request,~~  
~~wherein said distributed object controlling method further comprises the steps of:~~  
~~judging, when executing said object, whether or not the object~~  
~~reference information on said object has been stored in a first reference-~~  
~~information storage area into which said acquired object reference information~~  
~~is stored, and,~~  
~~if said object reference information has been stored therein,~~  
~~executing said object on the basis of said stored object reference~~  
~~information, and,~~  
~~if said object reference information has been not stored therein,~~  
~~sending, when said object reference information on said another object~~  
~~has not been stored in said first reference-information storage area, a retrieval~~  
~~request to said second computer for providing said a naming service, said~~  
~~retrieval request including said object name of said object;~~  
~~storing object reference information and an said object name of said~~  
~~object into said first reference-information storage area, said object reference~~  
~~information being acquired as the response to said retrieval request;~~ and  
~~executing communication with said another objection sending an~~  
~~execution request for executing said object based on the basis of said~~  
~~acquired object reference information.~~

Claim 3 (canceled).

4. (currently amended) The distributed object controlling method according to Claim ~~4~~2, further comprising a step of:  
if failure information has been acquired as the response to said communication with said another object based on said acquired object reference information~~execution request~~, deleting all of object names and object reference information stored in said first reference-information storage area.

5. (currently amended) The distributed object controlling method according to Claim 2, further comprising a step of:  
if failure information has been acquired as the response to said communication with said another object based on said acquired object reference information~~execution request~~, deleting all of object names and object reference information corresponding to said object name stored in said first reference-information storage area.

6. (currently amended) The distributed object controlling method according to Claim ~~4~~2, further comprising a step of:  
if failure information has been acquired as the response to said communication with said another object~~execution request~~, said failure information including an object name that has caused a failure, deleting the object name and the object reference information corresponding to said object

name and stored in said first reference-information storage area, said object name having caused said failure.

Claims 7 and 8 (canceled).

9. (currently amended) The distributed object controlling method according to Claim 4~~2~~, further comprising the steps of:

- when storing said acquired object reference information and said object name into said first reference-information storage area, storing said object name therein after a registration point-in-time has been brought into correspondence with said object name~~, and;~~
- when a first predetermined time has elapsed, judging whether or not each registration point-in-time has elapsed by a second predetermined time, said each registration point-in-time being stored after having been brought into correspondence with said each object name stored in said first reference-information storage area, and
- deleting, from within said first reference-information storage area, an object name and object reference information whose registration point-in-time has elapsed by~~corresponded to~~ said second predetermined time~~, and;~~
- sending a retrieval request to said second computer for providing said naming service, said retrieval request including said object name~~;~~ and
- storing, into said first reference-information storage area, object reference information, said object name, and a registration point-in-time acquired as the response to said retrieval request.

Claims 10 and 11 (canceled).

12. (new) A first computer for executing an object in connection with a second computer, comprising:

a first and a second reference-information storage areas;

means for storing, when executing an object in said first computer, object reference-information for said object in said second reference-information storage area, and judging, when executing a retrieval request of another object, whether or not object reference information on said another object has been stored in said second reference-information storage area;

means for executing, when said object reference information on said another object has been stored in said second reference-information storage area, communication with said another object based on said object reference information on said another object;

means for judging, when said object reference information on said another object has not been stored in said second reference-information storage area, whether or not object reference information on said another object has been stored in said first reference-information storage area;

means for executing, when said object reference information on said another object has been stored in said first reference-information storage area, communication with said another object based on said object reference information on said another object stored in said first reference-information storage area;

means for sending, when said object reference information on said another object has not been stored in said first reference-information storage area, a retrieval request to said second computer for providing said naming service, said retrieval request including said object name of said object;

means for storing object reference information and an object name of said object into said first reference-information storage area, said object reference information being acquired as the response to said retrieval request; and

means for executing communication with said another object based on said acquired object reference information.

13. (new) The first computer according to Claim 12, further comprising:

means for deleting, if failure information has been acquired as the response to said communication with said another object based on said acquired object reference information, all of object names and object reference information stored in said first reference-information storage area.

14. (new) The first computer according to Claim 12, further comprising:

means for deleting, if failure information has been acquired as the response to said communication with said another object based on said acquired object reference information, all of object names and object reference information corresponding to said object name stored in said first reference-information storage area.